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Jack and Olivia are official top babies' names in 2006

Jack and **Olivia** are the most popular names given to babies in England and Wales in 2006. **Jack** has been the top boys' name for 12 years while **Olivia** jumped three places from last year.

In the girls' top five, **Grace** climbed five places to number two. Last year's top name, **Jessica**, dropped two places to number three, **Ruby** shot up 11 places to number four while **Emily** (number one in 2004 and 2003) slipped three places to number five.

Thomas jumped one place to number two in the boys top five, replacing Joshua which fell one to number three. **Oliver** climbed one place to number four and **Harry** rose four places to number five.

There are three new entries in the girls' top 50 – **Imogen** (up 17 places to number 48), **Sophia** (up 13 to number 49) and **Anna**, which dropped out last year, climbed back two places to number 50).

New boys in the top 50 are **Muhammad** which climbed 12 places to number 44 (**Mohammed** rose one place to number 22), **Noah** (up five to number 46), **Oscar** (up seven to number 47), **Lucas** (up ten to number 48) and **Rhys** (up ten to number 49).

Gaining popularity among girls' names this year are **Evie** (up eight to number 21) **Freya** (up eight to number 23), **Poppy** (up nine to number 30) and **Jasmine** (up ten to number 31). As usual, the boys' top 50 is more stable, but **Harrison** jumped six places to number 36. **Alfie**, **Cameron** and **Henry** all rose five places to numbers 16, 30 and 39 respectively.

Libby, **Aimee** and **Niamh** dropped out of the girls' top 50 this year while **Louis**, **Brandon**, **Toby**, **Kieran** and **Charles** lost favour among the boys.

In Wales, **Jack** replaced Joshua as the top boys' name and **Megan** remained the top girls' name. **Dylan**, **Rhys**, **Ffion**, **Seren** and **Cerys** are all in the top ten.

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A more detailed look at this year's popular names can be found on the National Statistics website:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/nugget.asp?id=184>

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. A list of the top 50 boys' and girls' names in 2006 is attached, as are the top twenty boys' and girls' names in Wales. There are no regional breakdowns available for England.
2. The most popular names in Scotland are **Jack** and **Sophie**. More details are available at:
<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/library/pernames/the-most-popular-names-in-scotland-2006/index.html>
3. The most popular names in Northern Ireland are **Jack** and **Katie**. More details are available at:
http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp?cmsid=20_45_53&cms=demography_Publications_Baby+Names&release=

Top 50 boys' and girls' names in England and Wales in 2006

Boys

1.	Jack	
2.	Thomas	+1
3.	Joshua	-1
4.	Oliver	+1
5.	Harry	+4
6.	James	-2
7.	William	+1
8.	Samuel	-1
9.	Daniel	-3
10.	Charlie	+2
11.	Benjamin	
12.	Joseph	-2
13.	Callum	+2
14.	George	+4
15.	Jake	+2
16.	Alfie	+5
17.	Luke	-4
18.	Matthew	-4
19.	Ethan	-3
20.	Lewis	-1
21.	Jacob	+1
22.	Mohammed	+1
23.	Dylan	+2
24.	Alexander	-4
25.	Ryan	-1
26.	Adam	
27.	Tyler	+4
28.	Harvey	-1
29.	Max	
30.	Cameron	+5
31.	Liam	-3
32.	Jamie	+1
33.	Leo	+4
34.	Owen	+2
35.	Connor	-5
36.	Harrison	+6
37.	Nathan	-3
38.	Ben	-6
39.	Henry	+5
40.	Archie	-2
41.	Edward	+4
42.	Michael	-1
43.	Aaron	+3
44.	Muhammad	New Entry +12
45.	Kyle	-5
46.	Noah	New Entry +5
47.	Oscar	New Entry +7
48.	Lucas	New Entry +10
49.	Rhys	New Entry +10
50.	Bradley	-11

Girls

1.	Olivia	+3
2.	Grace	+5
3.	Jessica	-2
4.	Ruby	+11
5.	Emily	-3
6.	Sophie	-3
7.	Chloe	-2
8.	Lucy	
9.	Lily	+7
10.	Ellie	-4
11.	Ella	
12.	Charlotte	-3
13.	Katie	-3
14.	Mia	+4
15.	Hannah	-2
16.	Amelia	-2
17.	Megan	-5
18.	Amy	-1
19.	Isabella	+6
20.	Millie	
21.	Evie	+8
22.	Abigail	-3
23.	Freya	+8
24.	Molly	-3
25.	Daisy	+3
26.	Holly	-3
27.	Emma	-5
28.	Erin	+5
29.	Isabelle	+1
30.	Poppy	+9
31.	Jasmine	+10
32.	Leah	-8
33.	Keira	+5
34.	Phoebe	+1
35.	Caitlin	-8
36.	Rebecca	-4
37.	Georgia	-3
38.	Lauren	-12
39.	Madison	-3
40.	Amber	-3
41.	Elizabeth	+1
42.	Eleanor	+1
43.	Bethany	-3
44.	Isabel	+2
45.	Paige	
46.	Scarlett	+1
47.	Alice	-3
48.	Imogen	New Entry +17
49.	Sophia	New Entry +13
50.	Anna	New Entry +2

+/- indicates movement on last year

Top 20 boys' and girls' names in Wales in 2006

Boys

1.	Jack	+1
2.	Dylan	+1
3.	Joshua	-2
4.	Thomas	
5.	Rhys	+1
6.	Ethan	-1
7.	Daniel	+2
8.	Callum	-1
9.	Oliver	+5
10.	Morgan	
11.	James	+1
12.	William	-1
13.	Lewis	+5
14.	Benjamin	+2
15.	Samuel	-7
16.	Joseph	+1
17.	Jacob	+5
18.	Cameron	+2
19.	Charlie	+11
20.	Jake	+1

Girls

1.	Megan	
2.	Jessica	+5
3.	Olivia	+6
4.	Ellie	
5.	Emily	-2
6.	Ruby	+11
7.	Chloe	-5
8.	Sophie	-2
9.	Grace	+17
10.	Ffion	-5
11.	Ella	-3
12.	Seren	
13.	Mia	+1
14.	Erin	+7
15.	Lily	+12
16.	Caitlin	-5
17.	Lucy	-2
18.	Katie	-8
19.	Amelia	-3
20.	Cerys	-7

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